

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is supplemental to the Request for Continued Examination and Request for Reconsideration filed December 2, 2009. Claims 1-4 and 6-14 remain pending and active subsequent to entry of this Amendment. Claim 1 has been amended.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140 under Order No. PTB-1207-120.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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